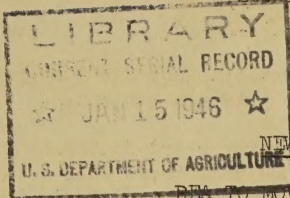


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NEWSLETTER TOPICS

REA TO MOVE BACK TO WASHINGTON

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson has announced that the Rural Electrification Administration will be moved back to Washington as soon as adequate office space can be provided to house the agency's headquarters personnel in the Department of Agriculture building.

Secretary Anderson stated that the shift was being made to bring about more complete integration of the Department of Agriculture, of which REA is a part.

REA's headquarters were moved to St. Louis from Washington in March, 1942, as a result of a decentralization program which temporarily shifted many permanent Government agencies out of the capital to make room for expansion of active war agencies.

Until the scheduled transfer is made, headquarters of the Rural Electrification Administration will continue to be located in the Boatmen's Bank Building, Broadway and Locust Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri.

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DON'T GAMBLE WITH ELECTRICITY

Lineman of a Minnesota rural electric cooperative answered an outage call and found that some unknown person had removed a tree limb from across the power line before their arrival. They were much relieved when their search for the body of their self-appointed helper was unsuccessful.

We again warn our readers not to touch any object which is in contact with power lines. In the handling of hot power lines you seldom get an opportunity to make the same mistake twice.

When you find any obstruction in contact with power lines do not touch it. If possible, make provision to guard against unintentional or thoughtless contact by livestock or other persons who may happen along and get word to our office as quickly as you can. Handling a hot line job is a task which only experienced men should attempt. It requires a thorough knowledge of what to do, use of proper safety devices, and painstaking care in doing it.

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IS YOUR EQUIPMENT READY FOR WINTER?

Have you checked your equipment to see that it is ready for winter? Now is a good time to look over all your lighting equipment around the barn and in the dairy, for longer nights and shorter days are in the offing and wintry blasts will soon be with us. Those changes you planned last winter should be made now.

If you did not use the R-40 heat bulb last winter it might be worth considering now. You can find many ways to use it profitably and we will be glad to advise with you on the subject if you wish it.

And how about that poultry water warmer? Eggs are 65 percent water and the hens will drink plenty if you use a water warmer and keep the contents of their drinking fountain at approximately 50 degrees. Many farmers have found this to be an effective and economical means of keeping egg production at a high level.

Heaters for stock water tanks are also important if you expect your livestock to drink enough water. Nor is it too early to begin thinking about your pig and lamb brooders.

Investigate now, well in advance, and have everything in readiness when you need it.

(NOTE TO EDITOR: Here add such local comment about appliances which are available locally, or any suggestions you care to make about home-made appliances).

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REFRIGERATOR PRODUCTION WILL  
TOP PRE-WAR LEVELS BY MID-1946

Now model refrigerators are coming off production lines but many prospective purchasers may have to wait some time before they can get one.

One manufacturer announced that his first postwar refrigerator came off the production line on September 25. He predicted that there will be a sufficient number to permit prospective buyers to view and select models in dealers' stores by Christmas, but no consumer deliveries in volume could be expected in time for the family Christmas present.

While this information cannot be accepted as an exact reflection of conditions prevailing in the entire industry, it is fairly representative.

Spokesmen for manufacturers are reluctant to set a time when refrigerators will become plentiful on the market, but they are agreed that mid-1946 should see production figures at a higher level than in the pre-war period.

For the most part, initial production is being restricted to family size models which will meet the widest need.

Production of other electrical household and farm production appliances is well under way and has attained varying stages of progress. It is expected to be several months before any of the more important items reach retail outlets in volume. Many smaller items are already available in fair quantities.

In the meantime prospective purchasers should continue to be patient until they can obtain first class appliances put out by reputable manufacturers, suitably guaranteed and backed by satisfactory servicing arrangements.

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SOME GOOD EXAMPLES OF NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Mr. S. A. Barrett, a brand new member on Line No. 13 energized September 12, 1945, was in the office this week to check with us to see if the 3 KVA transformer which we have installed at his place will be adequate for the load he plans to have. He stated that he intends to use his electricity for welding, pumping water, and he will have several other motors. Mr. Barrett has the right idea, and we know that electricity will help him out---he is wise to plan his wiring for future needs in order to have the most efficient service. From Newsletter of the Swisher County Electric Cooperative, Tulsa, Texas.

Mr. A. W. Wilson of the Weber Community reports great satisfaction with the jet pump which has supplied an abundance of water for bath room and general household needs at small cost for electricity. From Newsletter of the Jewell-Mitchell Cooperative Electric Co., Ionia, Kansas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rooper of Antelope wrote us that she is moving to McMinnville. "I have waited for 60 years to push electric buttons and now that I was about to get the chance to do, I am moving away." From Newsletter of the Wasco Electric Cooperative, The Dalles, Oregon.

We have an electric stove now. It was installed July 3rd. We like it very much. Soon we will have our water heater put in. Will let you know when we do. Stanley Gilbertson. From Newsletter of Blue Earth-Nicolet Cooperative Electric Association, Mankato, Minnesota.

The Roschill school has been wired for electricity and is now getting service... Peavoy Elevators are installing motors at McHenry and Jaunita....Lawrence Lies has installed a  $\frac{1}{2}$  HP motor for pumping water....C. C. Hoyt has installed an electric stove....Oscar Brocto recently installed an electric stoker. From Newsletter of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Carrington, N. D.